GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4649
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NEGLIGENCE OF DOCTORS
C. SREENIVAASAN;PUTTASWAMY GOWDA;SU THIRUNAVUKKARASAR

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are considering to give power to Indian Medical Council to look into the cases of negligence on the part of Doctors;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a) to (c) The doctors registered with the Medical Council of India/State Medical Councils are required to follow the Code of Medical Ethics prescribed by the Medical Council of India.The Medical Council of India have also submitted a proposal to the Central Government to amend the Indian Medical Council Act, 1956 for establishment of an Ethics-cum-Disciplinary Committee to deal with all questions relating to maintenance of the standards of medical conduct, Etiquette and Code of Medical Ethics by medical practitioners. This committee will also function as the appellate authority over the State Disciplinary Committee.